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US wire service stories re Guatemala developments last few days substantially correct. Latest information available Department as follows: Military junta formed October 2[illegible] has requested US recognition. Recognition now under consideration Department but must await stabilization situation in Guatemala and formal assurances intention Junta comply with international obligations.

Ydigoras-inspired general strike including railways public transportation partially effective. Ydigoras opposed to Junta and wants second presidential designee Guillermo Flores Avendeno to replace Junta as interim president succeeding Gonzalez Lopez who resigned. Ydigoristas want Flores form coalition cabinet which would exclude MDN and call new elections. They claim have power stop strike if foregoing conditions are met. Junta resents Ydigoras demands as ultimatum.

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Meanwhile Nuncio and ODECA Ambassadors Guatemala reportedly trying mediate in interest in restoring public order. Embassy Guatemala has doubts Junta can remain in power given conflicting views in armed forces and Ydigoras opposition to Junta. Size demonstrations have diminished, shooting has reportedly stopped, and mood of crowds less angry. Negotiations between Ydigoristas and Junta continue.

Embassy Guatemala being asked air mail CA missions direct coded copies future pertinent/telegrams.

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